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For: DOCUMENT RETRIEVAL SYSTEM WITH ACCESS CONTROL

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<u>Amendment</u>

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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In response to the Office action mailed May 9, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1, 2 and 4 as follows:

1. (three times amended) A document retrieval system with access control for a search engine capable of searching documents distributed over web servers in an electronic network comprising,

one or more web servers having electronic versions of documents <u>said documents each having a security level, with each document</u> available by request,

a search engine having access to [access control lists for] all documents on the web servers, the documents associated with an access control list linking [authorized] the security level of users with [all] the security level of documents on the web servers, with the web servers screening the search results with the access control list to determine the documents for which a user performing a search has access.

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